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Applicants: H. OGAWA et al.
Serial No.: 09/812,582
Filed: March 21, 2001
For: DISK DRIVE APPARATUS AND METHOD OF
MOUNTING SAME
Art Unit: 2651
Examiner: K. Wong

PRELIMINARY REMARKS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 13, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination, and further to the preliminary amendment of June 21, 2001, the following remarks are submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending, with claims 1, 3, and 14-18 being independent.

A claim for priority was filed on March 21, 2001. Acknowledgement of the claim for priority is respectfully requested.

An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed on March 21, 2001. Consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested.